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Holy Land To Be Recreated In 3 Square Mile, $20 Million Replica

Plan for construction of $20,000,000 replica of the Holy Lasd at the time of Christ have just been announced as representatives of the American Foundation for Preservation of Christian Heritage launched a search for a 2,000-acre site in Southern California on which to build the giant project—Christialand.

Numerous locations in this area, because of its similarity to the weather and terrain of Palestine, already are under consideration. The exact replica will include the ancient walled city of Jerusalem and the little towns of Bethlehem and Nazareth.

Lawrence G. McNeil of the McNeil Construction Company, builders of Disneyland. who will be in charge of construction of Christialand, said that he is still looking for acreage that most closely duplicates the Holy Land's physical features.

The Foundation announced that if a proper site for the non-denominational Christialand is located in sufficient time, the land will be dedicated this Christmas morning by church leaders of all faiths "in honor of Christ's birth."

Construction of Christialand is expected to start early in 1957. Claud Beelman, well-known Los Angeles architect, has been placed in charge of the project and has developed preliminary plans. Construction is expected to take several years.

Christialand was first conceived by Esta Barr, author-teacher, of Boston. From the Dartmouth Street, Boston, Mass., Miss Barr said that "Christialand is a vital need in the world today to make the life of Jesus a reality to millions of people."

Research council for the Foundation includes Dr. Robert H. Pfieiffer of Harvard University; Prof. G. Ernest Wright of the University of Chicago; Prof. Paul Leslie Garber, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia; Prof. James B. Pritchard of the Church Divinity School of Pacific, and Dr John E. Steinmuller of New York.

Herbert A. Phillbrick, former FBI undercover agent and author of "I Led Three Lives", has been named executive secretary of the group.

Christialand will be strictly non-commercial in character, according to Dr. Pfeiffer, chairman of the research council. "There will be no concessions of any kind. All we want to do is give renewed faith and inspiration to more than 5,000,000 visitors that we expect each year."

Bethlehem will be here in Southern California—the Inn, the Stable and the Manager.

Nazareth will be here—the Synagogue where Jesus preached . . . Mary's well . . . the carpenter shop of Joseph where the boy Jesus worked.

Jerusalem will also be here—the Temple of Herod and Herod's palace . . . the Antonia Towers where Jesus was brought to trial before Pontius Pilate . . . the Pool of Bethseda where Jesus performed one of his many miracles . . . the Upper Room where the Last Supper was held . . . the Mount of Olives . . . the River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee. In the side of a hill will be constructed the replica of the tomb from which Jesus was resurrected on Easter Sunday.

All of this will be built somewhere in Southern California as nearly as possible to the known size, designs, construction materials and layout of the Holy Land as they existed at the time of Christ. This will be done through the most accurate historical bib-

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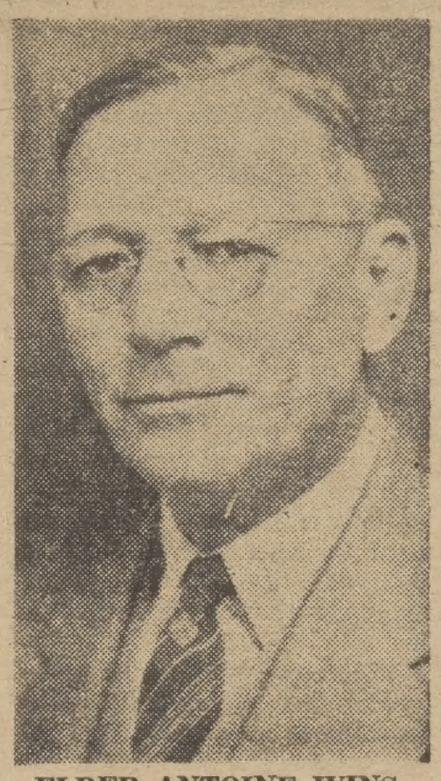
ELDER MARION G. ROMNEY

Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of Twelve Apostles will attend Walnut Creek Stake's first quarterly conference held at Walnut Creek Ward Chapel January 5-6. Schedule of meeting in announced as follows:

Sat. 6:30 p.m., Special Leadership Meeting; 8 p.m. Special Meeting for men and wives.

Sunday: regular meetings at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



ELDER ANTOINE IVINS

Elder Antoine Ivins of the First Council of Seventy will represent the General Authorities of the Church at the San Francisco Quartery Conference, Saturday and Sunday, January 5-6, 1957, a New Year's Conference.

3 BYU Students Killed In Auto Driving to So. Cal.

Triple funeral services were held in Long Beach Fifth Ward for three Brigham Young University students killed in a Nevada auto crash Dec. 12 while on their way home for the holidays. Three others were injuried.

The dead students were Joan Carol Sperry, Philip Cluff and Robert I. Mahan.

NWAF Reports New Finds In Mexico

New developments are announced by the New World Archaeological Foundation in their current field operations in the State of Chiapas, in the south part of Mexico, adjoining the Guatamalan border.

Carbon-dating of a second sample of carbon material, this time from the Finca (ranch) Santa Rosa, southwest of Comitan and about 75 to 100 miles from the Guatamalan border, was received last November from Columbia University. This scientific dating places the material in the very chronical heart of Book of Mormon history, namely 94 B.C. with a margin of 130 years plus or minus. The limits of this dating therefore extend approximately 244 years B.C. to 66 A.D.

At the Chipa de Corza diggings which border the main Pan-American highway about 30 miles from Tuxtla de Guiterrez are proving to be rich as they are extensive. devulging many old tombs and walls as well as usual ceramic materials. Here a force of 55 to 60 labors and superivsors are at work six days a week. A force is also at work at the Finca Santa Rosa and this will be increased to equal the group at Chipa de Corza after the first of the year.

Dr. Kieth Dixon, a late graduate of the Archaeology Department of the Univ. of Southern California, will assume the directorship of the combined operations at the two sites with Garth Lowe as his assistant field director. Dr. Dixon was a student of the late Dr. George Brainard of USC, a specialist in ancient ceramics.

Director Thomas Stuart Ferguson of the NWAF states that the Foundation's publication No. 1, published last October, has been sent to an extensive mailing list of instructions and big names in the field archaeology. Some interesting reactions have begun to come in even from some foreign countries.

Elder Mark Peterson East Bay Leaders Confer

The presidencies of the three East Bay stakes of Hayward, Walnut Creek and Oakland-Berkeley were called together in mid-December by Elder Mark Peterson of the Council of Twelve to discuss the final steps yet ahead for actual construction work on the Inter-Stake Church Center to be erected in 1957 on Temple Hill in East Oakland.

The time is at hand soon for the appointment of one of the three presidents to represent the three stake presidencies above mentioned.

Los Angeles Temple

Revised Schedule Assigns Second Saturdays To No. California Stakes and Missions

A revised schedule and calendar at the Los Angeles Temple for 1957 has been announced by Pres. Benjaman L. Bowring.

Beginning January 2, 1957, living endowments will be given only in the morning session and the Temple will be closed Tuesday.

Four sessions will be held on Saturdays beginning at 7:45 a.m. with the second Satrday alloted to the stakes and missions of Norhern California.

The third and fourth Saturdays are assigned to Southern California stakes, and the first and fifth Saturdays for Priesthood sessions.

The following is the detailed Temple schedule for 1957:

Endowments: Names issued for 45 minutes prior to starting time.

Sessions: Starting time 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 2 p.m.

Living endowments, marriages and sealings, 8:15 a.m.

Special Priesthood sessions first and fifth Saturdays 9 a.m.

Baptisms: By stake appointment only.

Sealings: By stake appointments only.

1957 Temple Calendar

Open January 2, 1957. Holidays Feb. 22, May 30, Sept. 2, Nov. 28 and 29.

Closes for the Summer June 29. Reopens August 15.

Closes for the year: Dec. 21, 1957. Reopens Jan. 2, 1958.

Happy Workers Set Out To Finish Drive

A happy drive is under way for final funds to complete the three East bay stakes 30 per cent share of costs of the Inter-stake Center building and site.

Joy in anticipation of the start of construction early in 1957 has added zeal to all the saints.

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Drives are now underway. They will be carried forward with added zeal after the first of the year in order to speedily gather in hand the required thirty per cent of the local stakes share of the cost of construction, plus their share of the cost of the land.

The architect, Harold Burton of Los Angeles, has promised completed plans by February so that bids may be asked from contractors.

L. A. Temple Area Divided Into Five Large Zones

The Los Angeles temple area was divided into five zones. Monthly endowment quotas were assigned, based upon stake population and proximity to the temple. Zone One comprises three stakes: Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Inglewood with a quota of endowments, equal to 20 per cent of the population.

Zone Two consists of 10 stakes with a quota of 15 per cent of the population. Stakes: South Los Angeles. East Los Angeles, Redondo, Long Beach, Covina, Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, and Reseda.

Zone Three, three stakes, quota 10 per cent: stakes embraced are: East Long Beach, Orange County and Mt. Rubidoux.

Zone Four, four stakes, quota six per cent: stakes included are: San Diego, San Bernardino, Bakersfield and Santa Barbara.

Zone Five embraces the balance of the temple district which includes 14 stakes and the California and Northern California Mission with a quota of two percent of the population.

Quotas as assigned will result in approximately 15,000 endowments per month.

President Browring announced that effective January 2, living endowments and sealings will be confined to morning sessions only. Monday through Friday, and the evening sessions on Fridays. He cautioned those stakes desiring special excursions for 200 or more to clear first with the temple presidency.

It was pointed out that the addition of the 6:30 evening session will enable afternoon workers to attend two sessions without delay.

Population of the three stakes in Zone One is 13,302 with a quota of 2660 monthly endowments. Population of Zone Two is 52,777 with 7915 monthly endowments. Zone Three population is 16,053, monthly endowments 1,605; Zone Four population is 17,905, monthly endowments 1,075; Zone Five population is 60,820, monthly endowments 1,215. Total, 14,470 monthly endowments.

Region Twelve Welfare Meeting Date Set

The Region Twelve Welfare program stakes will meet at January 20, 1957, it was announced by President O. Lesile Stone, chairman of the stake presidents of Region Twelve. At this meeting it is expected that the region's welfare budget for 1957 will be presented.

After the region's assigned budget is accepted a division of that budget among the ten participating stakes will be made, and in turn a division of the budget items by each stake among their wards.

Timothy Morley, having been honorably released after ten years devoted service as regional coordinator, has been succeeded by Lorenzo Hoopes of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Council.

Robert Glissmeyer of Hayward Stake will have charge of records and reports, while Victor Peterson has been appointed store manager and will distribute the region's supplies among the stakes of the region from time to time.

Dates Of Stake Quarterly Conferences For Seven Local Stakes In 1957

STAKES				
Hayward	Feb. 9-10	Apr. 27-28	Aug. 24-25	Nov. 9-10
Oakland-Berkeley	Feb. 16-17	May 4-5	Aug. 31 Sept. 1	Nov. 16-17
Palo Alto	Mar. 2-3	May 18-19	Sept 14-15	Nov. 31-Dec. 1
San Francisco	Jan. 5-6	Mar. 16-17	June 1-2	Sept. 28-29
Walnut Creek	Jan. 5-6	Mar. 16-17	June 1-2	Sept. 28-29
San Jose	Feb. 23-24	May 11-12	Sept. 7-8	Nov. 23-24
Santa Rosa	Jan. 26-27	Apr. 13-14	June 29-30	Oct. 26-27

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Loud call for Aerodynamic Engineers to big jobs in the Salt Lake City area. See large ad on page 3 of the issue.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake News

W. Glenn Harmon Made Counselor In Northern California Mission; Wanda Is Mission Primary President

That rocking chair cannot be sat on yet, and no rocking but much walking and riding, because past stake president W. Glenn Harmon has been chosen first counsellor to Northern California Mission President Leonard Love. Sister Wanda Harmon will lead the mission Primaries. President Love and Counsellor Harmon spent the week end of December 9 at Ukiah and each week-end since organizing the priesthood at various branches of the mission.

December 17 the Oakland district of the Northern California Mission held their conference in Alameda Ward chapel. President Love and Sister Love were in attendance. A complete holiday dinner was served to the missionaries by the women of Alameda Ward.

Martha Hardy McKaig in Ninety-Second Year Plays For Christmas Carols at D.U.P. Party

The seven Daughters-of-Utah-Pioneer camps of Alameda County held Christmas parties and remembered Christmas of long ago.

Berkeley camp held a luncheon at the home of President Vera Mayhew December 10. Alameda's Arletta Cox Tuttle camp met at the home of daughter Elnora Jensen for a Christmas luncheon December 13. The Abigail Jane Daly camp met at daughter Catherine Pearson's home where their oldest member Martha Hardy McKaig played the accompaniment for the carols. Martha is in her ninety-second year. She was ninety-one years young December 14 (says she is one and nine or nineteen)

With no sheet music daughter Martha played the song, then decided it was pitched too high, so she transposed to a lower key. She has written a children's song, words and music, also a special composition for the piano. Nor is music her only accomplishment.

She has lived a busy helpful life and has a marvelous memory and intellect. She told of being taken by her father Bishop Leonard Hardy to a Christmas party in the Social Hall in Salt Lake City when she was a small girl and being introduced to President John Taylor. President Taylor seated on a stool near his knee and held her hand as he sang in a most beautiful voice "Joseph the Seer" She was so thrilled with that song that she has never forgotten the incident.

Elmhurst D.U.P. Camp held their Christmas party in the form of a dinner, November 13, at the home of daughter Evangeline Peddler.

Claremont D.U.P. Christmas party was held November 20 at the home of daughter Gertrude Lowry where all members and County representative Pearl Meine patrook of a holiday dinner.

The Hayward and Dimond camps held Christmas dinners.

Seasons greetings from Rufus and Winifred Phelps from Ipswich, Australia where thye are representing the Church as work and regular missionaries. One chapel is completed in Ipswich, one near completion in New Castle, and three are waiting Rufus' accomplished oversight in Brisbane. The Phelps spent Christmas with two more of our other missionaries, work and regular, Clyde and Marie Lindsay in Sydney.

President and sister O. Leslie Stone entertained the Stake Hign Councilmen and their wives December 5 at his home. A program with games and refreshments made a happy evening.

Relief Societies

Parties were the order of the

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Hayward Stake

What's Cookin' With The 380th Quorum of 70's?

Who has more to do than the parents of five children under 8 years of age, and yet during the past several years Brother and Sister Bliss Cook have graciously used a part of their humble little cottage to further the projects of the 380th Quorum of Seventies. About four years ago Bro. Cook converted their garage into a family room so they might have more space for their little flock. At this same time Brother Cook, realizing the possibilities of helping the church members cut down their milk bills, planned with the other members of the stake seventies presidency to make this a quorum project. Since that time the converted room has been used as a store room for the dry milk and the two Cooks have certainly done plenty of cookin' with the bookkeeping, storekeeping and banking.

The powdered non-fat milk is obtained in 50 pound sacks at wholesale prices Many people use the milk just mixed with water, and others have found many ways of mixing it with homogenized milk, or Lucerne concentrated milk to restore the butter fat and give it a richer flavor. We now have both regular and instant milk. We use this milk for all drinking and cooking purposes, and it has a very fine flavor. Nutritionally it is excellent. It has all the calcium, minerals and protein of homogenized milk, in fact, it is richer in these food elements. We have investigated and discussed with doctors about this milk and each one has told us a family could not use a better milk. There are about seventy families obtaining this milk through the quorum. The cost per quart of milk is between four and eleven cents, depending upon what is added to the dry milk.

The milk is purchased in 50 pound bags and about 1,250 pounds are delivered to the Cook home each month where the other members pick it up whenever they need it. Imagine the bookkeeping involved besides the storing and taking care of each customer. We as a quorum presidency, feel grateful to Lois and Bliss for all their hours of labor used in making this project a huge success.

Primary News

The Hayward Stake Primary is progressing nicely under the able leadership of Sister Colma Maxwell and her stake and ward officers and teachers Leadership meeting was held in December. The priesthood was represented by Heber J. Brown and Thys Winkel We enjoyed having them with us.

A stake Fun-de-lay was held at the Hayward Airport park for all Trail Builders. About 50 boys enjoyed a wonderful time—hot dogs and all the trimmin's The party was under the direction of Sister Bertha Burger and Alice Bauer.

We have passed our quota of subscriptions for the Primary Childrens Friend Thanks to all those who worked on this.

The Stake Primary Board is conscientious in its effort to set an example for the ward organizations To act as a guide for this great organization each month is held a presidents meeting, a stake preparation meeting and the stake board meeting. During November 54 ward visits were made by the stake leaders to the various ward Primaries and Ward Conferences.

Hayward Stake Relief Society

Relief Society Leadership meeting was held at Hayward Ward Chapel in December with Sister Vera Crockett conducting. The support given by the ward officers and teachers is wonderful, nearly 100 per cent in attendance. If regular teachers are unable to attend the departments are represted by substitutes.

A delightful and beautiful display of Christmas decorations was presented by Arina Calhoun, Pearl Meine and Vera Crockett.

To all we say, "May Peace be your Treasure during the coming year."

Hayward Second

Dale, Helen Cram Move To Hayward

by Shirley Troub

Commencing with the New Year, Centerville will be the new home of the Hayward Second Ward. We wish to thank Centerville Ward for inviting us to share their beautiful new chapel with then.

Some of the new families recently welcomed into our ward are the Richard McDonalds, the Dale Crams, from Oakland II, the Glen Shaws from Oakland IV, and the Lyle Eyers from Balboa Ward.

Glen Shaw is the new ward teaching supervisor, while his wife Marge is the secretary of the YWMIA Lyle Eyer has taken over as MIA age-group counselor, and his wife Marilyn is the 1st counselor in the Relief Society. Dale Cram is the stake priesthood secretary, and Helen, his wife, is teaching in the Sunday School. Kenneth Reynolds, whose family is also new to the ward, is now serving as ward teaching supervisor.

In new positions in the stake are the Richard McDonalds, as a member of the stake high council, and Marian as a member of the stake primary board. We welcome all of these new families into our ward, and wish them well in their callings—we do appreciate their interest and active porticipation in our ward.

Dale Turner, the youngest member of the ward, was blessed by his father on December 2. Dale is number six in the Duane Turner family.

Hayward Second Ward now boasts of its own elders quorum with Les Hosac as president and Glen Buckner and Duane Turner as counselors, and Hudson Williams as secretary. Brother Williams. who was only recently ordained an elder, is spending a three-week holiday vacation in the East, along with his wife, Dorothy, and two children.

The ward welfare project netted nearly $140 as the result of a rummage sale held December 15 under the capable supervision of the Relief Society. It now looks as though Hayward Second will be able to pay its Stake welfare assessment in full.

Bishop's Message

Let us remember that we have been commanded to keep the Sabbath Day holy. Sunday is a holy day, and not a holiday.

Since the Lord told us, "Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath," we should take advantage of the opportunities that the Sabbath presents to us.

What can we do on Sunday? We need not make it a dull day, just because it is a holy day! We can rest, read the scriptures, call on the sick, or visit friends, of course we should attend Priesthood, Sunday School, and Sacrament meetings.

Hayward Stake

High Priests Hold Dinner-Party First In New Stake

High Priests and their families enjoyed a roast beef dinner December 14. It was their first social get-together as members of the Hayward Stake. All ninety-five present had praise for the good food and an enjoyable evening of chatting with old friends.

The eve was topped off by short reports from Brother and Sister Wesley Ream, brother of President Ream, who have just returned from a mission to the Southern States. The Boles family, Rex and Mary added to the groups' enjoyment with several beautiful musical numbers.

San Lorenzo

Tower For New Chapel Raised

By L. Wimmer

The tower-raising for the San Lorenzo Ward chapel made the most exciting day in the history of our ward. A large crowd gathered to witness the event. After the tower was set in place, the top-most point was fastened on. Members of the ward, then participated in a program and lunch.

Francis B. Winkel presided at ward conference December 8.

Babies blessed were Ross Victor Bigler and Nora Louise Ellenburg and Dorene Middleton.

Baptized this month were: James Wilson, Michael Larry Benson, Patricia Benson, Susan Elaine Burbank and Linda Smith.

Records were received this month for new members; Jack Genevine Johnson, Lois Bivans Michael Bivans, Rosanne Bivans, Patricia Reed, Nancy Ann Reed. Lawrence Reed, Sandra Dee Read. Lorna May Reed, Doryalle Dee Fernandez and the Wells family, Earl, Gwendolyn, Steven, Laura Ann, John and Linda Jean.

Open house was held at the Wimmer home for all members of the ward who attended the Harvest ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCarthy entertained with an open house for friends the evening of the Harvest ball.

Genealogy Committee

The Genealogy committee held a pleasant party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Larsen.

A double shower was held for Kay and Connie Smith December 11. Both girls received many beautiful and useful gifts.

A successful party was given by the Relief Society for the ladies of the ward. A Christmas tree was decorated with Christmas corsages which were given as favors to the ladies. After a program of music and singing, refreshments were served.

Home for the holidays were these college young-folk: Bob Wimmer, David Wimmer, Jerry Schell, Allen Ream, Russel Ream, Ed Brown, Bob Harrison, Vicki Bartett, Helen Olsen, Marlene Swim.

Home from armed forces service is Lee Basinger. Jack Wright who is in the service spent a short time home before leaving for the China Sea.

Home From Hospital

Dave Rogers is home from the hospital where he has been since Labor Day when he and his wife and daughter were in an accident. All are home now and doing well

Dolpha Wilde is recovering from a broken wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Brenon were called suddently to Brewster, Washington, because of the death of Sister Brenon's mother.

Mrs. Ruth Sarri was called to Roosevelt, Utah, to be with her mother who was ill. She was accompanied by her daughters, Barbara and Vicki.

John Daly has been named advisor to the deacon's quorum.

Mildred Wray is new manual counselor in the YWMIA and Phyllis Burner and Norma Griffith are teachers.

Aleda Silva is to be coordinator in Junior Sunday School.

Alice Ostler and Richard Smith were chosen as "Citizen of the Week" by their respective school classes.

Richard King was the speaker who won the Stake Speech contest for our ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodland of Sacramento were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Noaks. Mrs. Woodland is a sister of Leo The Noaks family spent Christmas in Utah.

Dean Starr and family made a trip to the Los Angeles Temple during the month.

Mrs. Phyllis Burner spent a few days in San Francisco.

The Sterling Yeamen family will move to Oregon in the near future.

Mrs. Phyllis Eustice and family spent Christmas in Salt Lake City.

Word Of Wisdom

A Series of Chapter Reviews of "The Word of Wisdom" by John A. Widstoe and Leah D. Widstoe

By L. B. Ball

Chapter II

Need of Health Information

While science has conqured many a dread disease, the death rate from others are rising. The death rate of children is decreasing, but the death rate in later life is increasing, as in the case of cancer, heart disease, stomach ulcers and diabetes among rich as well as the poor.

Poor Nutrition as a Cause

This condition is the effect of many causes. One of the most potent is the failure to observe the recent findings of science in the field of nutrition. As we eat, so is the composition of the blood stream which is the natural heating agent of the body.

Too much of the modern food supply comes from tin cans and packages. Too many of our so-called civilizied people have come to subsist in large measure upon a diet of soft, highly refined and concentrated foods.

A typical modern diet of meat, white bread, refined cereals, potatoes, sweets crowds milk, fruits and vegtables to a minimum, and is especially likely to be deficient in calcium (and other minerals), roughage and vitamins.

Results have come to be constipation, a "national complaint" frequent colitis, appendicits, poor bone development and teeth decay, the more serious diseases already mentioned. Underweight or overweight, nervous irritability, poor digestion, general weakness and lowered vitality, are regarded as other signs of malnourished tissues.

A recent report of the Mayo Clinic states that "the American diet contains a large proportion of concentrated foods low in vitamin and minerals and high in carbohydrates and acid minerals, lacking certain protective foods as milk, eggs, and fresh leafy vegtables conducts to an early advent of degenerative diseases."

There is a growing consensus among professional people, as well as lay members of society, that faulty nutrition is a contributing factor in many of the diseases that plague civilization. It has come to be believed that degenerative diseases do not attack healthy tissues.

Prevention is the important word in the field of good health today. Prevention by proper nutrition keeps the blood stream, the nutural healthprovoking agent of the body, of the correct composition. This implies the intake of suitable foods as a major factor of health.

D. Hindhede, famous nutritionist of Denmark, writes that "the most frequent and dangerous form of cancer, that of the stomach and alimentary canal, may be due to a wrong diet—the uses of vegtables instead of meat, of natural instead of refined foods reduces the chances of stomach and intestinal cancer."

Primitive peoples are largely free from the diseases that trouble civilized man most.

Health Among the Latter-day Saints

Even partial observance of the Word of Wisdom has affected notably and favorably the comparative health status of the Latter-day Saints, but among the saints our church statistcs show that diabetes has decreased only slowly and cancer and heart diseases have definitely increased.

Since the diseases which take most lives among the Latter-day Saints have distinct nutritional relationships, it is safe to conclude that the dietary habits of the people are at least partly at fault.

One cannot say that to refrain from smoking and from drinking tea, coffee or alcohol is to keep fully the Word of Wisdom. That is not full obedience to the law.

The many "do's" in the inspired document are as important as the ,'dont's." Undoubtedly the Word of Wisdom is not lived completely or the people would receive a greater fulness of the promised reward—a long life of physical health.

Men may break the laws of health for many yearsa yet seem to feel no ill effects, but sooner or later the penalty must be paid by them and too often by their progeny. Nature has no favorites.

Human appetites have been truly called tyrants. That to which the taste is accustomed creates an important desire. Therefore, many fail to observe any substantial portions of the Word of Wisdom and others observe in only in part. One must take himself in hand. There can be no progress except as the will is directed towards obedience to law The results already attained indicate that greater health may be secured by the Latter-day Saints by observing the divine law.

Hayward Stake Mission Report For November 1956

Leonard J. Lyon, Pres., Amy Bruerton, Secretary

No. Missionaries	39
No. Times Out	361
Av. Times Out per Missionary	9.26
No. Hours Spent	708
Av. Hours per Missionary	18.15
No. Cottage Meetings	136
Av. Cott. Meetings per Missionary	3.49
Number Converts	8
No. Hours per Convert	88.50
No. Converts per Missionary	.21
Stake Membership	5,205
Est. Non-Members in Stake	200,000

Missionary Conference—two days:
January 18, dinner at 6:30 p.m. for investigators
January 19, 6 and 8 p.m. Reports; tesimonies

One Today Must Smile When Reading Items That Were Top Column News In Our Local Wards January 1947

It is possible that January 1967 will look back upon our present 1957 ward's news with much tendency to smile at the baby steps as one does who scans a copy of the Messenier dated January 1947?

What we refer to is such items as these in the January '47 issue:

"Hayward Ward News"

"Saturday, January 4th at 1:00 a.m., the first shovel full of dirt was turned at the site of the new Hayward Ward Chapel, marking the beginning of actual contruction."

Difficult, isn't it, now to believe that bit of "red-hot" news of only one decade ago! Imagine! One medium sized congregation in all that Hayward area then was meeting in one small, rented, up-stair hall!

Today, proud Hayward Stake with four new chapels, and seven large wards! Who would have believed it!

An even greater surprise:

But wait! That babyhood news of the Hayward Stake is more than matched by a Walnut Creek news item in that same January 1947 issue of the Messenger. Here it is:

"Walnut Creek News"

"We are glad to report that a Primary has been started in the branch with Sister Alice Everett. President, Sister Irene Landes and Sister Blanche Cherrington as counselors. There are high prospects of a well organized Primary through the large attendance and enthusiasm of the younger group."

"The big event of the month was our annual Christmas dinner and party. Turkey and all the trimmings were served to the largest group ever assembled in our branch."

Imagine that in 1947 if you can when today one sees the lusty new Walnut Creek Stake with its two stately new chapels, and over 4,000 membersrip living in seven wards and a branch!

Here, then, in the Hayward and the Walnut Creek areas we see depicted in striking and startling manners two cases where the "growing tips" of two mother stakes have touched earth, taken root for themselves and, almost overnight like Jack's fairy tale beanstock, have almost outgrown their maternal stakes in one brief ten-year period!

What shall we see in 1967 in these thriving areas!

Interesting Details

Let us now quote a few of the details of the 1947 Messenger from Hayward and also Walnut Creek. First, then, read this from the Hayward story:

"The Stake Presidency, Eugene Hilton, Delbert F. Wright and Angus Norberg, Mayor Haar of Hayward and a representative of the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce took part in the ceremonies.

"Dr. Leo J. Parry, Chairman and members of the building committee planned the event . . . Dr. Ross McClelland, member of the ward, is the building contractor in charge of construction."

And this additional item from that 1947 Messenger regarding Walnut Creek We read:

"Three of our young folks were home for the holiday season. Grant and Ardith Osborne were home from BYU for a two-weeks vacation. Emery Ranker, Jr., was vacationing from Stanford.

"A party was held by Pittsburg, Martinez and Walnut Creek at Skateland in Martinez. On January 8th the senior class of Walnut Creek branch will be hosts to Pittsburg and Martinez We hope to see a large turn out."

One cannot refrain from wondering what Skateland would think if on some particular evening in January 1957 a LDS party of the young folks from "Pittsburg, Martinez and Walnut Creek" should descend on their facilities!

"Bulging at the seams!" Standing room there might be, but hardly skating room, one would guess.

Well, with the Latter-day Saints as with the world in general "Time Marches On!"

W. Glenn Harmon

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day in all the Relief Societies of the stake just prior to Christmas.

Two societies were just recently reorganized. Oakland has Ruby Addis for president with Grace Brown and Violet Higham as counsellors and Josephine White as secretary. Oakland Third has Joyce Osburn as the new president with Lapreel Moody and Catherine Columbine as counsellors and Hazel Allen as secretary.

David and Charlotte Cummings are on an extended visit to Australia. Charlotte was the theology supervisor on the Relief Society Stake Board, and David led the Oakland Ward genealogy work.

Missionary

Tommy Winkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thys Winkel will leave for a mission in Holland, January 1957. Tommy was born in Salt Lake City and came to Alameda, California with his parents at an early age. He is a graduate of Alameda high school and attended the BYU where he was a member of the band. In 1954 he accompanied the Sierra Club in a trip down the Colorado River. He is an exemplary boy, a real son, a good example of his father, former bishop and high councilman.

Edward F. Humphreys retired and was released as bishop's counsellor December 28. He has moved to Caldwell, Idaho where his wife Mavis and sons have been living the past year. Our good wishes go with this faithful man who has worked so quietly in God's vineyard, and to Mavis, a spiritual light upon a hill wherever she abides. Her class teaching, especially of the Book of Mormon, sank deep into many hearts.

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Equitable Arrangements Agreed Upon For Operation Of 2 Local Church Farms By Three East Bay Stakes

After a series of meetings of the presidents of the Hayward, Walnut Creek and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes held with a member of the General Welfare Board, and among themselves, plans for the operation of the two church farms previously owned by the Oakland and the Berkeley Stakes have been agreed upon.

The farm at Plesanton in East Alameda County will be known hereafter as the "Pleasanton Farm" and will be operated entirely by the Hayward Stake. Hayward Stake will make an equitable pro-rate payment to the credit of the wards of former Oakland Stake which now are part of the new Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

The Solano County farm north of Vacaville, which has been owned and operated by the original Berkeley Stake, will hence-forth be known as the "East Bay Farm", and will be operated jointly by the two new stakes, the Walnut Creek and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes on a fifty-fifty basis.

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Mrs. Wayne McIntyre Formerly Of Martinez On People Are Funny

Appearing as a great surprise on the "People Are Funny" TV show in Hollywood December 4 were Mrs. Wayne McIntyre (he was formerly bishop of Martinez) and her deaf daughter.

Art Linkletter introduced the deaf child as one of the lip-reading pupils taught at the famous J. Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles.

The human interest story was climaxed when a test was given of this remarkable ability to read lips. Art had a group of the same-age children all of whom could hear him as he gave directions of things they were to do, such as raise hands. The deaf child sat among the others and no one but Art knew which she was.

One woman was chosen to stand with Art and see if she could detect the child that was deaf and was getting the directions only by lip-reading. The McIntyre child performed in perfect order with the hearing-children so that the lady judge was not too sure. In this test, however, she picked the McIntyre child, but was not sure until told she was right.

Barretts Of Guam Send Greetings

Scott and Julia Barrett formerly of Claremont and Concord Wards send a greeting to old friends from their snug little Island of Guam home in the far Pacific:

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Scott is a young attorney. He made his beginning as a lawyer in the Oakland law office of Thomas Stuart Ferguson, but was tempted by a government position in legal work on Guam.

B Y U Notes

The Brigham Young University students residing in the Provo community are reported as renting from more than 1000 householders. These householders are organized and elect one of their number as a member of the BYU Student Housing Adjustment Board . . .

The 16 expensive Guggenhelm paintings recently presented to the "Y" represent a school of thought in art by which one thinks that "pure design rather than pictorical subject matter comes closest to provoking or inspiring the true aesthetic response". These artists claim that anyone can come to appreciate this form of art if he loves the beauty of space form and color . . .

Mathesius Music Foundation

The former president of Geneva Steel Company at Geneva, near Provo, Dr. Walther Mathesius and his wife Ebba, a musician and patron of the arts, have recently extablished the Mathesius Music Foundation at the Brigham Young University . . . .

The off-campus enrollment at the BYU is growing so rapidly (it is predicted that by 1960 it will exceed the regular enrollment) that a dean of the extension has been created in place of the former "director". Religious subjects lead the number of these classes and correspondences courses. It is noted that anyone anywhere at anytime may enroll.

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Walnut Creek Stake Mission Report

Wells B. Wilkinson, Mission President; Secretary, Maurice F. Burrows

Report Items	
Number of Missionaries	46
Times Out	485
Average Times out per missionary	10.5
Hours Spent	956
Average hours spent per Missionary	20.8
Cottage meetings held	113
Average Cottage meetings per Missionary	2.45
Converts	4
Converts per Missionary	.11
Hours spent per convert	239

Holy Land

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lical and archaeolgical research.

The Foundation will encourage religious and educational dramas and pageants, music, films, programs, articles, periodicals, treatises, and books commemorating the life of Jesus and the history of His time.

The buildings comprising the Palace will contain a fully equipped theatre, where modern and classical religious dramas and musical productions will be presented. A museum, where a permanent collection of historical and religious works of art will be shown together with periodic loan exhibitions from world famous museums and private collections. A library, where hundreds of volumns devoted to research and study of the life and time of Jesus will be available to all bibical students and members of the clergy.

Several hndred persons will actually live in Christialand. They will till the soil, care for the animals, weave their clothing in the ancient manner and prepare their food as it was done 2000 years ago . . . broiled fish, rice, unleavened bread, goat's milk, fruits, figs, dates fine herbs and spices.

Grazing sheep tended by shepherd's. . . . mules, goats and camels . . . street bazaars . . . rugs, tapestries, pottery, jewelry and other wares of the ancient Holy Land will be here in Southern California . . . reproduced and recreated for the first time in its entirety . . . for all the world to visit.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles; Most Rev. Richard W. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston; and Most Rev. John J. Wright, Bishop of Worchester, Mass., have described the Christialand project as both "worthy and laudable."

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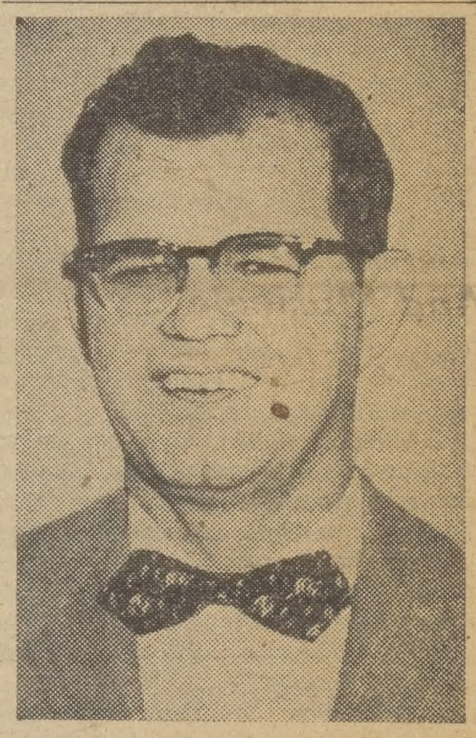

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Palo Alto Stake

New System Of Temple Excursions To Be Inaugurated

By Gay Taylor

Beginning January 12, Palo Alto Stake will inaugurate a new system of temple excursions, stated Chairman Jesse Marshall of the Stake Genealogical Committee in outlining future plans and past achievements of the organization.

Under the new plan, an excursion to the Los Angeles temple will be made the second Saturday of each month throughout the year by, chartered bus. A quota on a percentage basis has been alloted each ward, for a total of 75 people making the excursion. And, according to the response to the announcement of the first one, Brother Marshall has advised those wishing to go to make reservations early to avoid disappointment.

On December 1, a highly successful Genealogical Institute was held at Palo Alto. This all-day session, attended by some 75 people, covered the basic subjects of doctrine, personal record sheets, family histories, family organizations, pedigree charts, family group sheets, general research and correspondence. Six instructors were in attendance, Stanley Hurst, Beth Van Zeben, Rhean Beck, Willard Stephens, Aileen Weaver and Ruth Worley.

The program was conducted by David C. Wells, and Betty Wells supervised the pot-luck lunch.

Futher plans, said Brother Marshall, included arangements for the annual Inter-Stake convention March 31, when Generalogical representatives from seven stakes will meet at Palo Alto.

Palo Alto Stake

Fashion Show And Musicale Being Planned

By Gay Taylor

Looking forward to the new year, the Palo Alto Stake Relief Society is making plans for a fashion show and a musicale, to be given in February or March, according to President Ruby M. Dobbins.

The fashion show will feature the handiwork of the members themselves The musicale, under the direction of Ann Thomas, will offer selections by the singing mothers and instrumental numbers.

The stake board, as reorganized with Sister Dobbins as president, is as follows: Ruby M. Baker, education and employment placement counselor; Mary W. Wrathall, work counselor; Lee Taylor, secretary and treasurer; Ann Thomas, music director; Jean Conrad, organist; Inez Suhlsen, magazine representative; Cora Burmester theology leader; Theda Farnsworth, visiting teacher message leader; Beth Sorenson, work leader; Myra Thulin, literature leader; and Phoebe Paine, social science leader.

Palo Alto Stake

3 Projects Scanned New Chapel, New Ward, Stake House

By Gay Taylor

Palo Alto Stake is expected to continue its vigorous rate of growth in 1957, and an important aspect of planning for the future has to do with making provisions for this embarrassment of riches, according to Stake President David B. Haight.

The largest ward of the largest stake in Northern California, Sunnyvale, is preparing to begin a $300,000 chapel immediately following the winter rains. The Sharp Park branch is expected to be a ward, within the year, and has purchased property for a chapel. Plans for a badly-needed stake house are expected to become final by the end of the year.

Palo Alto Stake

Lloyd Johnson Palo Alto Stake High Councilman

Lloyd Aldredge Johnson, Palo Alto Stake highcouncilman in charge of stake missionary work was born in Huntington, Utah. He atttended Utah State College where he was student body president, and an outstanding tennis star. Married Laura Snow on June 25, 1936. Ordained a high priest by Sylvester Q. Cannon.

Moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was the Sunday School superintendent of the Minneapolis Branch in the North Central States Mission.

He came to the Peninsula in September, 1949. He has been bishop of the Dimond Ward in Oakland, as well as bishop of the Palo Alto Ward, and is presently on the stake high council, in charge of missionary work.

Employed by Safeway Company, he is manager of the Lakeside Butter Company, San Francisco, which position he has held for over 20 years. He is in charge of all Safeway butter and powdered milk operations in the U.S. and Canada.

Plays golf, likes hunting (when there are no meetings of the Church). Greatest personal accomplishment: a remarkable degree of maturity, and able to put into practice the Christian virtues that many megly talk about. His wife and children, 2 daughters and a son, find him a joy with whom to live.

Palo Alto Stake

High Priests Make Good Record In Church Duties

The 157 high priests in the wards of the Palo Alto Stake are consistently among the leaders in stake and ward activities.

For instance, in ward teaching their record runs from 86 per cent to 100 per cent in most of the wards, while in sacrament meeting attendance the record runs from 61 per cent to 91 per cent in all but one ward.

The Palo Alto group holds meetings regularly in "Hearthside" seasions after sacrament meeting at various homes.

Palo Alto Stake

Definite Quotas In Senior Aaronic Goals Are Set

By Gay Taylor

With 494 senior Aaronic members in Palo Alto stake, the Senior Aaronic Priesthood Committee, now being reorganized with John A. Hopkins as chairman, faces 1957 with the determination to do something about it. Quota for the new year is the goal of one Senior Aaronic member per month per ward activated and eventually advanced to the Melchizedek priesthood.

To reach this goal will depend upon finding the man to take charge of the program in each ward, stated Thomas E. Williams of the committee in an interview. Such a man must have special qualifications for a particularly difficult task. Senior Aaronic work is not primarily a matter of preaching the gospel or making conversions. Most senior Aaronic men are born Mormons; a great many of them have a testimony. The problem is to reach them, to talk their own language and appreciate their viewpoint, to let them know there is a place for them, to make friends with them and get them coming out to church. Once they start coming out, they must be given something to do both in ward activity and their Priesthood quorums.

Brother Williams, a convert who became active in senior Aaronic work soon after baptism, was a sparkplug of the program that resulted in fourteen Senior Aaronic members being advanced to the Melchizedek Priesthood at the Redwood City warl in twenty-one months. "All of these men," he stated, "visited inactive members while still senior Aaronics themselves. I have found this a most effective method of reaching such people. Nobody can talk their language like someone in the same boat, who can match their experiences and their problems."

The importance of making a great many visits and telephone contacts cannot be overemphasized, he declared. Once a month was not enough; once a week was not too much "It is important to invite them out to Priesthood meeting. Let them know they're wanted." And when they accept the invitation, deletie, they should find quorum activity, socials and firesides designed for them, so that their period of advancement is as part of a live-wire group.

Palo Alto Stake

Gold And Green Ball Planned For Bay Meadows

By Gay Taylor

The next major MIA activity is the Gold and Green Ball, stated Frances Cresta, president of the Palo Alto Stake YWMIA, in announcing plans for the holiday season and the new year.

The stake holiday party for Scouts and Beehives was December 27th at San Mateo ward, under direction of Bee Keepers Rae McAllister and Ann Christensen, and Scout Advisor Paul Campbell. This was followed December 29 by a combined Palo Alto and San Francisco Stakes holiday dance for M-Men and Gleaners, with groups of invited servicemen.

The Gold and Green Ball, January 25, at Bay Madows, is the social event of the year. Bay Meadows, given rent-free to the Church for the purpose by William B. Kyne and associates, is the only hall in the area large enough to accomodate the crowd, which the past two years has been between 1,500 and 1,800. Dick Crest and his ten-piece orchestra will provide the music, and there will be refreshments. Elsie Malin and Ross Miner are directing the activities, while Venice Kratzer will present the 18-year-old debutants.

Other planned events include the Girls Award luncheon in June, the Girls' Camp at Liahona in July, and, on July 20th, the stake outing at Adobe Creek for all the family.

Of particular interest to stake and ward officers said President Cresta, is the MIA Interstake Institute to be held in this area March 9. Twenty-two members of the MIA General Board from Salt Lake City will arrive in the area to counsel and assist stake and ward personnel.

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Palo Alto Stake Mission Report For November 1956

John R. Davis, Mission President; Secretary, Francys Davis.

Number active Missionaries	49
Times out	433
Average times out per Missionary	8.8
Hours spent	830.5
Average hours spent per Missionary	17
Cottage meetings	152
Average cottage meetings per Missionary	3.1
Convert baptisms	3
Hours spent per convert	276.8
Convert baptisms per Missionary	.0612
Stake membership	7,133

With two-thirds as many missionaries as last year, the Palo Alto Stake Missiosaries are bringing about the same number of converts as last year.

Palo Alto Stake Meeting Calendar

5	Sat.	5 PM	Baptismal Services—Redwood City Wards, South
		7 PM	—San Carlos Wards, North
7	Mon.	7:30 PM	Stake Auxiliary Leaders and Stake Presidency Meeting
		8 PM	Stake Auxiliary Leaders and High Council Meeting
10	Thu.	8 PM	Stake Primary Preparation Meeting
		8 PM	Stake MIA Board Meeting
12	Sat.	6:30 PM	Stake Priesthood Night: High Priests & Seventies Quorums
		7:30 PM	Stake Priesthood Night: General Stake Priesthood Meeting
		8:30 PM	Stake Priesthood Night: Priesthood Leadership Meeting
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			Stake Mission Presidency & District Missionaries
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28	Mon.	7:30 PM	Stake Priesthood Committee Meetings
		8:30 PM	Stake High Council Meeting

Palo Alto Stake Social Calendar

5 Sat.	Youth Executive Board (YEB) Dance at San Bruno-Burlingame Chapel and at Sunnyvale-Los Altos Chapel.
12 Sat.	YEB Dance at San Carlos-Redwood City Chapel
19 Sat.	YEB Dance at San Mateo-San Mateo II Wards Chapel and at Palo Alto-Palo Alto II Wards Chapel
25 Fri.	STAKE GOLD AND GREEN BALL—BAY MEADOWS SOCIAL HALL—SAN MATEO
26 Sat.	YEB Dance at Menlo Park Chapel

Little Journeys On San Pablo Avenue

By I. B. Ball

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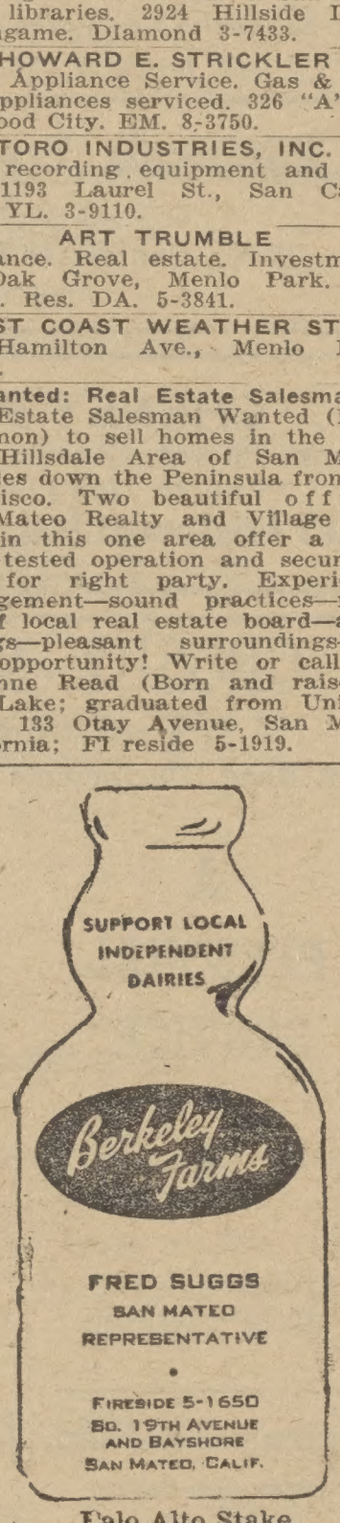

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Social Emphasis In Mission Work Announced

By Gay Taylor

Current emphasis of missionary activity in Palo Alto Stake is on the calibre and quality of lesson presentation, declared President John R. Davis of the Stake Mission in an interview. To further this aim, the presidencies of the Palo Alto and San Jose stakes meet together several times a year to exchange ideas and share experience.

The Stake Mission is stressing four points for the missionaries: (1) Reduce each lesson to its essence in a 10-minute presentation, in order to leave the remainder of the lesson time to the Lord, for free discussion. (2) Make appointments for only one meeting at a time, to keep the investigator looking forward with anticipation rather than apprehensive of a long ordeal. (3) Make sure to get the true feelings of the investigator, without which there can be no understanding of problems. And (4) Secure positive action on the part of the investigator, involving study, prayer, church attendance or preparation for baptism.

President Davis announced the mission district presidents as follows: Sunnyvale, John Dalton; Los Altos, Glen Smith; Palo Alto, Arvin Gibson; Menlo Park, John Kay Redwood City, Carl Wilcox; San Carlos, Everett Pendleton; San Mateo, Richard Collins; San Mateo 2nd, Kenneth Peterson; Burlingame, Charles Rowell; San Bruno, Orson Waldron; with Lee Dalton stake mission trainer.

Palo Alto Stake

MIA Harvest Ball

A highlight of the Palo Alto Stake MIA program for this year was the annual Harvest Ball on Friday, November 16th. Apparently a good time was had by all the 550 persons attending if the root beer and cookies consumed and a well-filled dance floor are any measure. Johnny Vaughn and his orchestra supplied the music for the night of dancing at the new Cubberly High School in Palo Alto.

Gold and Green Ball

The classic MIA Gold and Green ball will probably be at its biggest and best ever in Palo Alto Stake come Friday, January 25th 1957, judging by preparations and expectations. Bay Meadows Club House will be the scene for the dance as wholesomeness, gaiety and lively fun for all blend in a happy combination. It is expected that over three thousand persons from Palo Alto and adjoining stakes will be there to witness the secting and honoring of the Stake MIA queen for the coming year.

Palo Alto Stake

New Policy Of Year Round Primary Given

By Gay Taylor

The Palo Alto Stake Primary, having completed a successful year, is now making plans for the new Church policy of year-round Primary, according to President Bernice Q. Tait. Ward presidents will receive plans for the yearly Primary conference at the stake preparation meeting the second Thursday in January.

The past convention, in October, was one of the largets and most successful ever held, and great expectations are being held for the next one.

During the past year, the stress has been on teaching reverence to the children, and with good success. In the stake are some 200 Primary teachers, with 1,500 children enrolled and over 900 in regular attendance.

Palo Alto Stake 1957 Quarterly Conference Dates

March 2nd & 3rd.
May 18th & 19th.
Sept. 14th & 15th.
Nov. 30th & Dec. 1.

Important Things Happening In The Southland

When you're in Los Angeles next time be sure to drive to the Fort Moore Memorial Monument on Hill Street, north of the Hollywood Freeway. Work is going forward towards completion of an 85-foot flag pole and pylon celebrating the July 4, 1846 raising by Mormon Battalion men of the stars and stripes on a huge flag pole over the original Fort Moore.

Feats of the Mormons

Feats of the Mormon Battalion which helped to build Fort Moore in Los Angeles and raised the first American flag over this city were made known to many Southern Californians for the first time July 4th: Television, radio and newspaper newsmen told of these early pioneers as a result of the ceremony held at the Fort Moore Memorial Monument Independence Day morning in which the Mormon Battalion of 1956, a group of Utahns, re-creating the past, participated along with Southland Latter-day Saints, California Sons of Utah Pioneers and California Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

They hoisted a flag of 29 stars, a replica of the one carried by the original Mormon Battalion.

Scaffolding masked the face of the 45-foot wall where red brick is being set in place, but visible at the top were the words etched in concrete which bespoke the spirit of the occasion:

"Fort Moore Pioneer Memoria' —To the Brave Men and Women who Faced Privation and Death in Extending the Frontiers of Our Country to Include This Land of Promise."

The curtain of water 85 feet wide which drops 50 feet into a pool at the base of the wall was turned off for the program, presided over by Supervisor John Anson Ford, chairman of a committee which has brought the memorial to near-fruition over a period of seven years.

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El Cerrito Paint Center. There we were shown not only the usual standard paints and paint primers, but brushes, rental floor sanders and polishers plus floor wax, ladders, wall paper, window shades, 'n everything".

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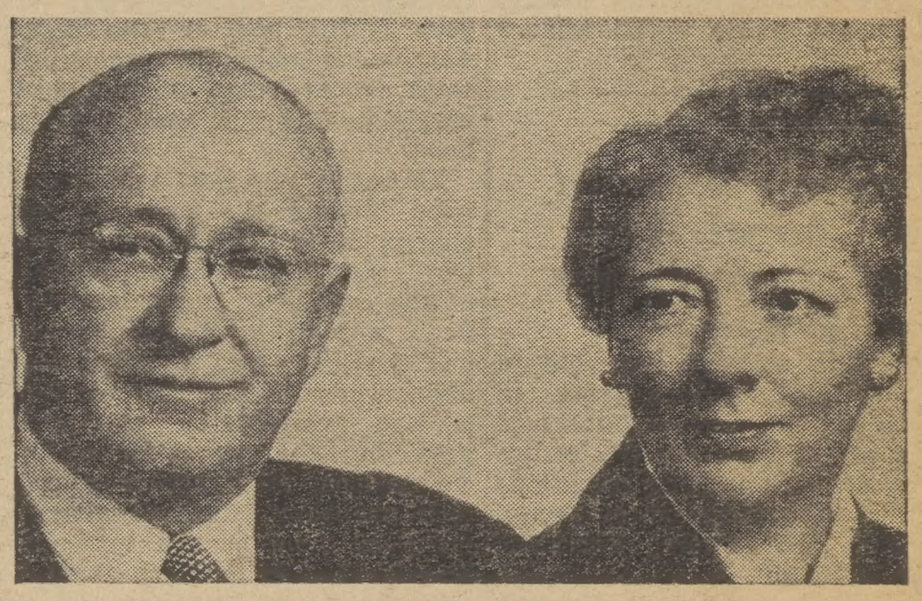

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Palo Alto Stake

Increase Seen In Palo Alto Ward Teaching

By Gay Taylor

An increase in ward teaching of 6% for 1956 over the previous year was forecast by J. Dean Sonne, Chairman of the Stake Ward Teaching Committee, for Palo Alto stake.

In 1955, the stake averaged 75% which was very close to the average throughout the Church. Figures including November, 1956, show a ward teaching average of better than 81%, and indications are that December will maintain this averae.

In achieving this average one ward, San Mateo Second, made a perfect for November—100%. In Menlo Park ward, a system was instituted where twelve men are set apart to do ward teaching as a sole Church activity, each being responsible for visiting sixteen families, and choosing several companions for the various visits. This system is credited with keeping Menlo Park ward in the 30% bracket.

On the whole, Brother Sonne said, the increase has been due to better spirit, more emphasis on ward teaching, and better selection of ward teaching supervisors.

The stake goal for 1957, he said, was 87½%, but with emphasis not on volume alone but on the quality of the visits. During the new year there will be stress on better preparation, better presentation of lessons, and, whenever possible, prayer in the homes visited.

Other members of the stake committee are William A. Osmond, John A. White, Fred J. Croshaw and John Milton Beck, with Vaughn Marshall as secretary.

San Francisco Stake

Navato Independent Branch To Be Organized Soon And Building Leased For Meetings

By Jean Lauper

San Francisco Stake is growing. Approval has been received from Church headquarters to organize an independent branch in Novato, an area to the north of San Rafael. Part of the San Rafael ward will be included in the new branch. A building has already be leased and upon the setting apart of officers, meetings will commence in a new area of the stake.

The monthly Priesthood-leadership meeting has been changed. Beginning in January, it will be held on the SECOND Monday of each month instead of the third, as formerly. The regional Welfare meeting is held on the third Monday making this change necessary.

Stake Conference Jan. 6-7

January brings two important events. The first week-end will find Brother Antoine Ivins as the general authority present for the first stake conference of the year, and the second Saturday will mark the first of the monthly excursions to the Los Angeles Temple. Plan are being made for a large attendance on this first trip under the leadership of Edgar Williams stake high councilman and Genealogical Chairman. It is believed that monthly trips to the Temple will become an estabished part of our stake activity.

President Gerda Greene of the Stake Primary introduced a new member of her board at the last stake officers meeting: Sister Ednah Breckon, wife of Bishop Breckon of Balboa Second Ward.

Balboa II

Edgar Williams Called To High Council

The bishopric finds itself one members short as Brother Edgar Williams has been called to serve with the high council. Our loss is their gain. May joy and satisfaction be yours Brother Williams in your new calling.

The ward is richer since Bonnie Newcomb returned from the Uruguayan Mission. We all hope she finds joy as age group councilor in the YWMIA. Elder Gene Pinkerman recently arrived in the Northwestern States Mission. We hear the Gleaners remembered him at Christmas with a special package.

Eighteen Boy Scouts and Aaronic Priesthood boys went to Fort Sutter and surrounding area for a day's outing, December 1. The Boy Scouts engaged in a Christmas tree project" which was located at the rear of the chapel. They worked hard at this project all thru December.

The Relief Society is forging ahead very well this year with tne following sisters serving: Sally Kennedy, Ellen Taylor, Florance Hansen in the presidency, Eizabeth Buckley, secretary and treasurer; Florence Galbraeth visiting teacher coordinator, with Inez Kenner handling the visiting teacher message each month. Theology lesson is beautifully lived each month with Ann Mellum pointing the way. Busy, interesting Work Day is ably handled by Erma Williams. Edna Breckon always has a big class as many participate in the literature of the world. Marie Pack is new but has demonstrated much ability in the Social Science lessons. The magazine representative, Mary Collett, is over the top in her subscriptions for the magazine. Ruth Johnson and Gail Wood direct and assist the sisters with the music.

The M Men Basketball team lost one game to San Francisco Ward in the first round of games; in the second, games were lost to Mission and San Francisco Wards with one more game to play. The players are Bob Mouritsen, Dick Valentine, Vince Wood, Dean Robinson, Bob Baptiste, Ken Russell, John Sullivan with Warren Davis as coach.

All members of the ward united at Christmas program on December 19.

Bishop's Message

Joyously we approach the holiday eason. As we mediate, we ask ourselves—have we lived by the teachings we accepted when we entered the waters of baptism? We could show the world a better way to live if we would but do so. Is our faith great enough to put our trust in teachings of the Master and live by all the precepts He taught? The best in us is not too good when serving the Master. In the coming year let us evaluate our purposes as saints of God. May his words ever rings is our hearts, "I am the way and the truth and the light."—Bishop John O. Breckon.

Little Jounreys

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hot and cold water, furnace heat, indirect lighting and so forth.

In his 14 years on the Avenue Don L. has built a "top notch" business, has a commodious new office building at 10174 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.

He's been president of the city's chamber of commerce and is now serving as president of the California Trailer Park Association.

Don also owns a beautiful spacious mobile home park on Church Street in the city of San Pablo with total rentals of over $6,000 per month.

This park houses about 300 people in 100 large mobile homes; has its own playground, community hall and civic organization to regulate its own affairs. It's a little community within a community and Don L. the happy overseer and daddy, tho he has a resident manager on the spot.

S. F. Stake Meeting Calendar

5	Sat.	6:30 PM	STAKE CONFERENCE—Welfare meeting
		8:00 PM	STAKE CONFERENCE—Priesthood Leadership
6	Sun	1.0:00 AM	STAKE CONFERENCE—General Session
		2:30 PM	STAKE CONFERENCE—General Session
		7:00 PM	STAKE CONFERENCE—MIA Session
7	Mon.	7:45 PM	Stake Presidency meeting
10	Thu	10:00 AM	Stake Relief Society Union meeting
12	Sat.	7:00 PM	Baptismal Service at Stake House
13	Sun		FAST SUNDAY
		2:30 PM	Bishoprics and Stake Presidency
14	Mon.	6:00 PM	Stake Presidency meeting
		7:15 PM	High Council meeting
		7:45 PM	MONTHLY STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING (Note permanent change to 2nd Monday)
17	Thu.	7:00 PM	Stake Melchizedek Pr. Committee meeting
		7:45 PM	Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency & High Council
20	Sun	11:00 AM	Stake Presidency meeting
21	Mon.	7:30 PM	Regional Welfare meeting for Stake Committee at Claremont Ward, Berkeley
27	Sun.		High Council visits to all Wards
		2:30 PM	Stake Sunday School monthly Prep'n. meeting
28	Mon.	7:30 PM	Stake MIA Leadership meeting
		7:45 PM	Stake Presidency meeting

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

12 Sat.	Saturday Night Dance
26 Sat.	Saturday Night Dance

San Francisco Stake Mission Report For November 1956

Carl S. Coombs, Mission President; Evan G. Hunter, Secretary

Number active Missionaries	26
Times Out	98
Average Times out per Missionary	3.8
Hours spent	173.5
Average hours spent per Missionary	6.7
Cottage meetings	25
Average Cottage meetings per Missionary	1
Convert baptisms	1
Hours spent per cosvert	173.5
Convert baptisms per Missionary	.04
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"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

Switching The Lights Of The Spirit On And Off . . .

Editorial

While we would be very humble and careful in speaking of the Spirit of the Lord, still a common daily experience we had the other day seems to bear a worthy analogy to the things of the Spirit.

For months a faulty electric connection had been annoyingly persistent. So one day we took the tools and got to work. As usual it proved to be very simple. The trouble was in a switch.

As we continued to test the connection by switching the current on and off, of course the room was alternately flooded with light or left in semi-darkness.

Now it happened that this was the time for my morning prayers. So after the repair I kneeled down and began to address the throne of grace and to worship the Lord. As we did so, my mind was naturally lifted from the things of the world to the beauties of heavenly things. Soon my soul was fooded with the joy of the Spirit, so sweet and enlightening to us at the hour of prayer.

Then it was that the experience we had just had with the electric current and its alternate power to flood the room with light or leave it in dark gloom came to my mind, and we grasped the thought of the similarity of the experience of the prayer and the coming of the light to the mind.

And I rejoiced before the Lord, there on my knees for the flood of light from the Holy Ghost that comes over me as I pray in deep humility and worship before the Father and his beloved Son. It often happens that we kneel in a negative mood for one reason or another, which we may liken to the room in gloom before the light is turned on. Not long do we turn the heart in worship and prayer and thanksgiving, however, before the light of the Spirit comes into our being and floods it with sweetness and peace and light of Truth.

We hope that this analogy will not be offensive to anyone. We use it very reverently. The switching on and off of the Spirit of the Lord may sound machanical in this analogy. It is not machanical. But it does follow a law .It can be controlled, more or less, by obedience to law.

Perhaps we can defect that law in the simple words of the blessing on the sacrament emblems. Recall the very last phrase: "That they may always remember him and have his Spirit to be with them."

A silent turning of the mind to him at any time of the day, even tho it be in the midst of the duties of the day and only for a brief period of seconds will cause a shaft of light from his Spirit to enter the heart.

And when we go into our closests alone and close the door and take extensive time to bask in the presence of the Lord in prayer, then it is that we are strengthened in the inner man or woman or child, and the light is "switched on" in accordance with the divine law, "Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you."

That's the thing that the Christ himself did when, as we read, he would arise early, long before the day, and go alone into the mountains to pray.

That is the way he kept so full of the Spirit. Thus he knew by experience whie in the flesh. And if he, being the only begotten Son, had need of that kind of deep devotion and prayer, how much the more do we, being the children of the flesh, need to follow the law—the law of prayer which turns on the light of life within our beings.

Living With Christ After Christmas

Editorial

Let us hope that Christ was born again in our humble hearts at Christmas. Despite the commercializing and paganizing of Christmas wherein the sacred advent of Jesus Christ into the world is apt to be all but smothered in our minds and hearts by extraneous incrustations, let us fondly trust that our Church and home worship has kept Christ and his holy birth before our attention.

The next practical question is to continue to have Christ alive in our hearts hour by hour.

Among the Nephites the birth of the Christ was made known by the fulfillment of prophecy when a new star arose and there were three days with no darkness (3 Nephi 1:10-20).

This resulted in a general revival of humility and faith. Nephi and the brethren went forth "baptising unto repentance and there was great remissions of sins. And thus the people began to again have peace is the land."

Thus Christ truly was born unto them, born to the humble soul by a rebirth in the heart of hearts, the "broken heart and the contrite spirit."

As this glorious advent occurs and reoccurs, there follows "the great remission of sins," as among the Nephites referred to above. Then peace settles over all as the record says, "and the people began to have peace in the land."

Does history, sacred and profane, show any lasting substitute way for bringing peace to the individual heart or to the land—"Your land and mine."

God bless the saints and all the world wiht peace that passeth understanding. Remember, then, He is born and liveth who said, "I am the way . . . come unto me."

Cheer Up

When interest in clothes you don't
seem to take,
And an effort to please, you just
can't make
Don't gloomily think, " I'm getting
old"—
Cheer up, my dear,
You've just got a cold.
When things folks say seem deeper to go
And your feelings are hurt, just
why you don't know
To this little thought tight you
must hold
The world's not against you—
You've just got a cold.
When a look in the mirror tells
you things you deplore
Your hair a little grayer, and wrinles, a few more,
Don't let it get you—the tale isn't
Told
You're really not done for,
You've just got a cold.

Ethel Ban Ball

Music Prediction Comes True For Reno And The Director Of The LDS Institute At Nevada University

Director Lee Kenner of the Berkeley L.D.S. Institute made a prediction a year ago when he heard that Ladd R. Cropper had been appointed Institute Direct at Reno for the University of Nevada in that year.

Director Kenner knew Mr. and Mrs. Cropper who were already rather famous for their flair for organizing singing groups whereever they had settled as seminary leaders in Central Utah points.

The Church News of December 8, 1956 contains the fulfillment of Lee Kenner's forecast. We learn that a group of singers in Reno, The Reno Sierra Singers, for whom Mrs. Cropper is accompanying and Ladd R. Cropper director have been invited to represent the State of Nevada at the National Federated Music Clubs biennial convention at Columbus, Ohio, in April and May 1957.

The Reno Sierra Singers also were invited by the head of the music department of the University of Nevada to sing with the University's Symphonic chorus and University Singers in presenting the famous oratoria "The Messiah" December 9.

Moreover, this group has given concerts not only in Nevada cities by special invitation but also in the Governor's Hall in Sacrameno, California. They sang in the Salt Lake City Tabernacle at last April conference.

They are reported to have a schedule to sing further in several Nevada and California cities.

What Youths Left On Missions Ten Years Ago

The Januuary 1947 issue of The Messenger informs us that Reed Tolman of Berkeley Ward left San Francisco January 31 for the Australian Mission. In this story Reed is called the second post-war missionary to be assigned to labor in a foreign mission field. Reed had attained the rank of second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, having attended in his 3 year service the University of Georgia, University of Texas as well as Northwestern University.

The January 1947 Messenger carries the photograph of Lynn M. Hilton of old Dimond Ward, Oakland, who had left for the New England States Mission in November of 1946, just 18 days after his return from two and one-half years in the Air Corps.

Lynn is mentioned as having been named top man out of 7200 cadets in strength tests, and as attributing his success in these tests to living the Word of Wisdom.

Dr. Lynn M. Hilton is now in an important executive position at the B.Y.U.

LDS Institute's First Pledges In 1947

Ten years ago this January, this is January 12, 1947, two car loads of Lamba Delta Sigma activities from the Lamba Chapter on the U.C.L.A. Campus came to Berkeley to initate the University of California plelges into Lamba Delta Sigma at the L.D.S. Institute at 2368 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley.

Heading that group of enthusiasts was Dr. Byron Done. Institute director on the Southern Campus. Other details of this initiation and its social affairs appeared in the January 1947 issue of the Messenger.

The Thomas Calls Send Greetings From Panama

We are enjoying our stay here in Panama very much. The weather is better than we had expected. It is very humid but not too hot; it cools off in the evening enough to make it excellent for sleeping.

We have an excellent Branch of the Church here in Balboa--we normally have 40 out to our Sunday Services. We all have assignments in the Church which makes us very happy.

We have a large 3 bedroom house that is more than adequate. Having a large yard with a lot of shrubs it is located on the edge of the jungle. We think it is very picturesque.

I have an interesting assignment with the Army which I am enjoying very much. Osmond is attending Junior College and likes his school. We are all in good health and hope this finds all friends the same.

Love,
Thomas, Verna and Osmond Call

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

Mothers grow accustomed to emergencies when rearing children. The constant stream of weighty decisions forced on them when husbands are at work, probably accounts for the fact that wise mothers walk hand in hand with God, leaning on his divine wisdom. Sister Ada Harper, wife of Bishop Joseph Harper, gives an account of one of these emergencies in her life—out of which grew a deep conviction.

"While we lived at the Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard our children were transported to school in taxis because there were no available schools in our area. One morning just a little while after the children left, I was washing my hair when our door bell rang sharply. Bunching the wet mass into a towel I rushed to the door to meet the frightened taxi driver holding our twelve year old daughter Donna in his arms. My heart pounded while he told me of her injury.

"Two neighbor boys had been pushing her against the front seat in the cab, demonstrating their strength. Donna, in self defense, braced her legs stiffly against the seat and in this wedged position one knee was injured severely. Her leg was bent backward in an unnatural manner and she was in an agony of pain.

"We rushed her to the emergency hospital but the attendants there said they could do nothing. The injury was a peculiar one and would require the attention of a bone specialist. Her leg was swollen terribly by this time.

"There followed several weeks of anxious trips from one doctor to another, x-rays, examinations and consultations. We were told that it was doubtful that she would ever walk again, the knee cap was completely out of place and there were critically torn tendons. Surgery was recommended in order to tie the injuried tendons and in this event the leg would be stiff throughout her life—but the doctors felt that it was the only thing they could do.

"After the swelling diminished Donna bravely took to crutches and went on to school. I cried many times observing her hobbling efforts about the home, for she was fiercely determind that she would not be a cripple. She had always been an unusually active child and loved to sing and dance. She was a student of ballet and was unusually skilled in acrobatic dancing.

"My husband and I continually refused to allow surgery. I could not feel within myself that it was the answer to her need, until one terrible day when I saw that her injured leg was actually shrinking. It was much smaller than the other. Talking it over with the doctor he agreed that eventually the leg would shrink greatly from lack of use; it was already twenty five percent smaller Even then we could not feel that surgery was the correct procedure. Before giving our permission for surgery we asked the Elders to administer to her—knowing that the Lord knew best in all of our needs.

"Only a day or two thereafter Donna was able to take two steps, the first since her accident. A new doctor, recommended by some friends is, suggested that we postpone surgery and try a treatment with weights and excercises. By following his advise she was able to strengthen the leg so much that she was able to walk without crutches. In a few weeks she resumed her normal active life.

"I have always been convinced that the Lord directed her healing and directed our decisions in other ways at this time. During our anxiety after her accident and with the anticipation of huge medical bills, we were urged by a number of people to institute law against the kindly taxi driver, his company and the parents of the two boys to gain compensation for Donna's injury. This we utterly refused to do. To us it would have been taking unfair advantage of a neighbor's misfortune. We had sons that might do the same thing, meaning it all in fun. I have always felt that lawsuits in these cases, where no harm is intended is breaking the Lord's commandment, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." I have also, since that time, had a deep conviction that our little girl might never have walked again had we taken unfair advantage of our neighbor."

...I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

Doctor Brady Says Wheat For Man

A nationally-known medical doctor's teachings parallel the "Word of Wisdom."

"Man commits a crime against nature when he eats the starch from the seed (wheat) and throws away the mechanism necessary for the metabolism (assimilation and utilization) of that starch," writes William Brady, M.D., in the Berkeley Gazette.

"This is not just my fresh notion—it is the teaching of a distinguished nutrition authority (Sg.-D) Robert R. Williams . . ."

Dr. Brady mentions that sudden heart failure, degeneration of the nervous system, enlargement of the heart, atrophy of the muscles, stomach ulcers, and constipation follow deficiencies in the vitamins and minerals put by the Lord in the germ and the roughage (outer coverings) of wheat.

He concludes, "Think of this every time you eat anything made of white flour or refined white sugar or both. Remember that in so doing you are committing a crime against nature."—**"What to Eat and Why"** by William Brady, M.D.

How right is the Lord's own simple statement in the Word of Wisdom: "nevertheless wheat for man, oats for the horse, corn for the ox . . ." D & C 89.

Berkeley First

New Schedule Ward Meetings

The bishopric of Berkeley First Ward announced the new schedule of ward meetings in the following letter to ward members, dated December 18, 1956:

We are pleased to announce that effective Sunday, January 6, our meeting schedule will be as follows:

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., Ward Teaching Report Meeting; 8:00 a.m., Priesthood Meeting; 9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 5:00 p.m., Sacrament Meeting.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m., Relief Society; 7:30 p.m., Mutual Improvement Association.

Wednesday: 4:00 p.m., Primary.

Will you kindly keep this schedule in mind. We will look forward to seeing you at our various meetings.

At this time of the year, our hearts turn more closely to the teachings and words of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Despite the uncertainy of the world at large, the assurance of the divinity of the Gospel and the Savior's plan of life and salvation gives us great hope on this earth and for the world to come. As a bishopric, we wish to extend our sincerest holiday greetings at this time. We greatly appreciate your support, and the spiritual uplift which you are contributing to the ward activity. May your families be blessed with health and happiness during this season, and throughout the coming year, is our humble prayer.

Sincerely your brethren, Berkeley First Ward Bishopric.

Claremont

A Peek Into Santa's Workshop

by Donnette Bergson

A peek into Santa's workshop was given a those who attended the annual potluck dinner at Claremont Ward Friday, December 21st. The Primary organization under the direction of Ann Rieberich, presented and hour-long variety show which brought to life the toys in that well known shop at the North Pole. Afterwards Santa himself appeared to distribute popcorn balls and presents to all the children.

Diets went all to smash at Relief Society where the ladies learned the art of making confectionary and then sampled the results. The remaining candy went to help fill the Christmas baskets.

Barbara Carlison who has so capably taken over the duties of literary teacher, is planning to spend the holidays, along with her children and family, in Brigham City, Utah and surrounding country.

Harold and Delors Simons entertained the family at a dinner recently. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Major Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Marlton Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Simons and their children.

We caught a glimps of George and Lu Dawn Bass before their leaving for the Phillippines where they will be stationed at a U.S. Navy Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Alten B. Davis are enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Jesse Davis, Riverside, Utah. Mrs. Davis is espicially happy about getting better aquainted with her grandchildren, Stephine and Chris.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake Family Night Set For First Thursdays Monthly

A change in stake meetings of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake has been announced as effective January 1957. This involves family night and other stake meetings. The Stake Family Night will be held in the Berkeley chapel on the first Thursday of each month, the first one being January 3, 1957 at 7:30 p.m. At these meetings all the auxiliary presidencies and their boards and the high council and stake presidency will be in attendance. A general session will be conducted by the stake presidency from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. From 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. the various auxiliaries will meet in department sessions.

Priesthood Meeting Date

The stake priesthood and priesthood leadership meeting will continue to assemble on the second Saturday of each month. The high priests and the various quorums of seventy will meet from 7:00 to 7:50 p.m. A short general priesthood and priesthood-leadership meeting will be held from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. the group will separate into committee meetings as follows: the personal welfare, church service, fact finding and reportings and class instruction. Also the Aaronic priesthood secretaries and advisors and the senior-Aaronic priesthood secretaries and advisors.

Meeting also at this hour will be the stake missionary presidency and district presidents; and also the ward clerks will meet with the stake clerk. A general priesthood class will be conducted in the main chapel 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. for all at the meeting who are not assigned to committees as mentioned.

From 9:30 to 10:15 p.m. on this second Saturday of each month the bishoprics and ward clerks will meet with the stake presidency.

Alternate Second Thursdays

On the alternate second Thursday of each month beginning on Thursday January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berkeley chapel the stake and ward welfare committes will meet with a member of the stake presidency and the high counsellor assigned to welfare work.

Oakland–Berkeley Stake Mission Report

Roy F. Weindorf, Mission President; Secretary Mrs. Roy F. Weindorf

Report Items	
Number of Missionaries	36
Times out	316
Times out per Missionary	8.77
Hours spent	564.5
Average Hours spent per Missionary	15.6
Cottage meetings	120
Average Cottage meetings per iMsssionary	3.3
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Converts per Missionary	.22
Hours spent per convert	70.5
Stake membership	5,889
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Berkeley Second

Apace With Time Our Ward Greets 1957 Newsily

by Ann Crockett

Among collegiate pigeons holidaying to Berkeley from B.Y.U., we glimpsed Tom Green, Bud and Tommy Hopkins, Carol Thulin and Ed Corbett at December 16, Sunday School. Stanford's Dave Owens, and Cal Tech's Dick Jenson, were also among early seasonal arrivals. To these, and as yet, unreported others, the ward's best wishes.

Scouting About

Mutuals' Admiration Society is not without its merits. Sporting honors and honoring sports, Scoutmaster William Cain raised ranks, promoting Tom Young and David Balmforth to Star Scouts — Bill Johnson and David Cain to First Class — Dave Wallin to Second Class — Lorin Thompson, Bill Franz, David Cain, Dave Balmforth and Tom Young were awarded merit badges.

Last word in the MIA Maid speech contest was won by Sue Boyack, Sharon Larson and Nina Paulson effectively contesting.

Speaking of Scouts and Scholars

Dick Jenson sallied forth one home-workless night, to explore the Pasadena Ward, only to find himself delegated to the duties of assistant Explorer director. Good Deal!

Farewell and Welcome

Not long ago in a Sacramento meeting, Jeanette and Gordon Holmes gave farewell speaches. As they expressed the thoughts of their hearts, it was like listening to fine instruments in the orchestration of God's humanity.

Wherever they go, we feel assured that they will do much to promote harmony and well-being in a somewhat discordant world — As Berkeley regretfully bids them adieu, Lafayette eagerly welcomes young Dr. Holmes and his lovely family.

Do You Suppose

That popular Glen and Anna Lee Spencer will ever know how much they are missed in Berkeley, while being welcomed in Walnut Creek.

Any Corrections?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but today is reporters' deadline, and ward clerk Rex Daniels may be Christmas shopping, leaving me dependent on hastily scrawled notes. According to my little blue book, wee Bonnie Ann Hennifer became our youngest ward member, when she was christened and blessed the first Sunday in December. Raising right hands in wel- Anna Edvalson; Jean, La Vern

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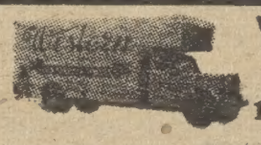

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Berkeley First

Christmas Programs Pleases Audiences

One of the largest voice choirs of teen-age girls ever heard in Berkeley Stake read the scriptural texts of the story of the birth of Christ, interspersed by congregational singing of Christmas songs at the Berkeley First Ward's Sunday morning Christmas program, December 23. Sonya Evans sang in lovely feeling a Christmas song. A tall stately lighted tree graced the front left side of the chapel. Accompanist was Sister Alda Strebel.

The ward choir, over 30 strong, presented a delightful Christmas program, "The Music of Christmas" by Ira B. Wilson at the Sunday evening December 23 Sacrament service. Conducted by Harold Glenn, our able ward chorister, the highly-trained choir was accompanied on the pipe organ by Mary Burton. Soloists of the evening of song were Helga Evans, Shirley Palmer, Don Martindale and Don Nelson. The Christmas message was delivered by George Strebel.

New Meeting Hours

Berkeley First and Second Wards will begin a three-year change of hours January 6. Priesthood meetings will assemble at eight a.m Sundays for the First Ward, followed by Sunday School at nine. Evening services will begin at five p.m.

Home for the Holidays

Home from the BYU for the Christmas holidays have been Charles Rose, Julia Harmon, Vilate Gardner, Shirley Baer, Carolyn Osmond, Jim and John Huish, Mike Wasden, Cheryl Johnson and Joan Hardisty.

Home from the University of Utah are Barnie and Louise Gardner.

Jim Martin was home from the Air Force and Dick Johnson from the Army.

Terms Of Sale Of Oakland Ward Chapel Agreed Upon. Sale Completed

TERMS OF SALE OF OAKLAND WARD CHAPEL HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON AND SALE CONSUMMATED ....

Announcement was made in mid-December by President O. Leslie Stone of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake that the Oakland Ward chapel on MacArthur Boulevard and Webster Street, Oakland, has been sold for cash to the Evergreen Baptist Church. The papers had been drawn, the title search was under way, and contracts and payments in escrow as of late December.

The terms of sale will allow for use of the building by Oakland Ward through January 1957 After that the ward's meetings will be held in the Claremont chapel.

The Oakland-Berkeley Stake baptisms in January will, therefore, be performed in the baptismal font in the Oakland Ward chapel as usual. Thereafter other arrangement for stake baptismal services will be made and announced. At present it seems to be a matter of choice for the use of one of the two baptismal fonts still available, that in the Walnut Creek chapel, the other in the new Centerville chapel.

The organ and the concert grand piano now in the Oakland chapel will be taken out and stored and later instaled in the new ward chapel to be ereted on Temple Hill.

The reasons which prompted the sale of the Oakland Ward chapel were many, it was stated. Among these reasons were the shift in population in the area, the lack of parking, the undesirable traffic situation, and the inadequacy of the building for housing the various activities of our wards under the enlarging program of the church.

The Dimond chapel has been placed on the market for sale for somewhat similar reasons. In the event of a sale of the Dimond (Oakland III) chapel, it is announced that ward meetings and activities would be conducted in the Oakland II Ward chapel until the new chapel is completed on Temple Hill, which they will then share with the Oakland Ward.

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and Karen Paulson; Roy Vernon Linzey; Bruce F. and Flora M. Scrivens; Brisbane L. and Margery Elaine Millet; C. Ray Thackerell and Karen Lynn; Dale M. Shaffer; Gladys Keough; and Hyrum Gwynn. To you all WELCOME.

Special Interest

When Cecil B. De Mille's colossal" production THE TEN COMMANDMENTS is premiered in the Bay Area, the wordless, but superbly illustrated fifty-paged programme, will be of special interest to L.D.S. patrons. It is designed by that greatly gifted Scananavian convert, Arnold Friberg, who has been art-directing this production since its inception. The illustrations are comparable to his Book of Mormon paintings "created especially for the fifieth year of The Children's Friend."

Of additional interest, is the fact that jovial Ben Rich, of San Francisco's Sunset Ward, competing with other representatives from the nation's finest printing firms, captured for H. S. Crocker, the most coveted lithograph contract EVER placed. AND the BIGGEST. Period—If in doubt proof-check Hollywood.

To accomplish its purpose, the company has not only built special presses for this five color job, but has established offices in Salt Lake.

En-Riching personal interest, cousin Ben occasionally phones about the programme's printing progress. Although it may be old news to some, I was surprised to learn that President McKay and Cecil B. De Mille are friends of long standing.

And that having read the Book of Mormon several times, Cecil B. is no novice to our religious history.

Contact man between producer, artist, and printers, Ben has been winging from Hollywood to Salt Lake and back to San Francisco for months now. As project nears completion, consciencious Ben is like a dithering sea gull concentrating intently on peace, production and distribution.

Ancestral Worship In the Occidntal Manner

While delving into his ancestral past via U.C.'s genealogy archives, Bob Allison Jr. came across a handsome family crest, which he had tinted and copied for his Book of Remembrance Then on November 30 Joan, and rer knights in shinning armor, royally entertained the genealogy class with fancy food, and progenitorial conversation.

For an exciting pasttime, there's nothing like pruning branches off the old family tree. Occasionally you might find yourself out on a limb, but isn't it surprising how the L.D.S. theory of relativity enhances our seemingly mundane existence, enriching our life's blood with a past and future tense?

And its satisfying to believe that our dead are still in circulation, silently urging us to seek them out for future reference.

Won't it be wonderful to someday be on speaking terms with our progenitors? Just think how important angelic connections can be in helping us to get established in that not too distant star-studded future!

Francis Siddoway Mother Of Merl Coltrin Dies

Myrl Coltrin of the Berkeely Second Ward was called to Salt Lake City because of the illness and death of her mother, Francis Siddoway, who passed away November 25, 1956. Sister Siddoway had lived with Myrl for several years and during that time she made many friends in the Bay Area.

At the time of her death she was 86 years old. She was born in the Second Ward in Salt Lake City, and lived there most of her life, being the loved and respected mother of nine children.

She was a worker for many years in the Salt Lake Temple and was always active in Relief Society work.

She will be missed by her family and many friends.

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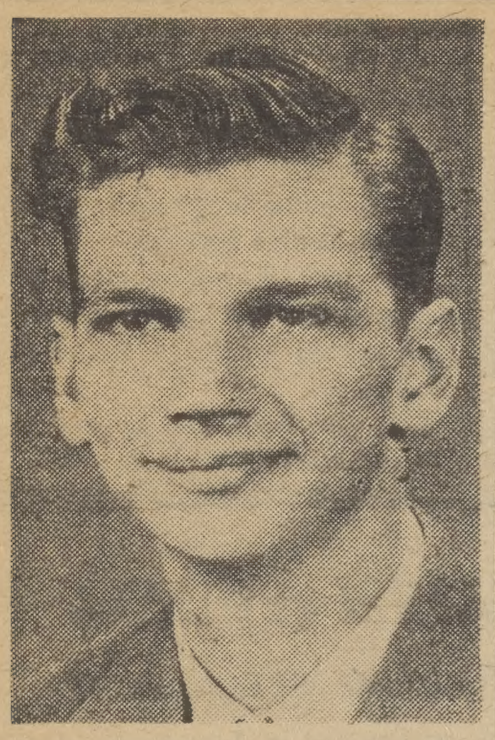

Tom Winkel Leaves On Mission To The Netherlands

Thomas Ray Winkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thys Winkel of Alameda Ward and former ward bishop and high councilor leaves January 7th for the mission home and from there to the Netherlands Mission where his father filled a mission to his native land.

Tom was at the BYU last year and the first quarter of this fall.

Tom and his faithful parents are greatly thrilled with the mission call coming to him. His devotion and interest in the Church are outstanding and all who know him feel he is excellent mission material.

The farewell testimonial will be given in the Alameda Ward January 6th at 6 p.m. An appropriate program is being arranged and everyone, of course is invited.

Tom will leave the Bay area with young Heber Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heber J. Brown who leaves the same date for England as a missionary.

Oakland Second

Ward Bazaar Declared Success

By Joanne White

"Gee, wasn't it fun!" "I saw people I hadn't seen for years." "Was'nt the door prizes grand!" "I'm not going to miss next year." So went the comments concerning the ward bazaar. The hard work of those in charge certainly resulted in an enjoyable evening.

We were happy to have BYU students with us for the holidays. We are thrilled to note the spiritual growth and progress they are making. Jay Rounds is serving in the Sunday School superintendency and Dennis Carter is serving as YMMIA superintendent, in their respective wards in the BYU stake.

The ward Christmas party, December 18, was enjoyed, especially by the kiddies when Santa came to climax the evening.

Bishop's Message

The need for family solidarity was never greater than it is today. Without this stablilizing influence we drift into spiritual anl social decay. Yet it would seem that some parents, yes, even some Latter-day Saints, place greater emphasis on maintaining a high standard of living, as regards temporal matters, than on a high standard of spirituality in the home. In some cases mothers take jobs away from home, not of necessity, but to maintain a standard of living equal to that of the Joneses.. In so doing, she would neglect the most essential factor of family solidarity, that of giving the home the things that only a full-time mother can give.

As parents, are we providing the proper climate in our homes for spiritual development and family solidarity? Are we teaching our children the gospel, and are we close enough to them so that we can point out the pit falls of life?

Do we, as children respect the rights of each other and the wishes of out parents so that love and happiness can abide in our homes? Are we courteous and obedient to our teachers at church and at school, and do we show proper respect to those in authority at church and at school?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, then we should resolve to make improvements in our way of life.

To teach our children to pray and walk uprightly before the Lord all parents. How can we better is a devine commandment given to accomplish this purpose than to show them, by example, the advantages of righteous living. In doing this happy and peaceful homes the natural result of our efforts.

Bishop Rounds

Alameda Ward

16 Missionaries Lunch At Chapel

By Amalia Everett

After a district meeting of 16 full-time missionaries in the Alameda chapel, Dec. 18, they were given a luncheon prepared by several Relief Society women supervised by Midred Fontano. It was served by Sharon Jensen and Beverly Liebhart who were home from the BYU for the holidays.

Sharon Jensen is First Counselor in the Relief Society in one of the 17 wards on the BYU campus, comprising two stakes.

Kendall Clayson is joining the Alameda group at BYU this next term.

Harold Clayson, wife and baby, flew home for Christmas.

Lowell and Barbara Jensen are the proud parents of a laughter, Marcia Lenore born Nov. 2nd.

The Relief Society had a Christmas luncheon Dec 11 Rhea Gustavenson gave a talk and a demonstration on party refreshments assisted by Kate Simpson. Quilting and other sewing were featured.

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers had a pot-luck Luncheon and a short lesson Dec 23, at the home of Elinor Jensen.

Gayleen Vincent is convalescent after hopsital treatment and four more blood transfusions

Eleanor Engel is safely over a frightening illness.

Wayne Griffiths is in Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, ward 62-B. He can have visitors.

Lorine Brake Conrad is home from the hospital but tests are being continued to determine cause of illness.

Babies blessed: Dec. 2, Gary Robert Marlias, Jennifer Ann Linden, Bonnie Margaret Linden.

Confirmed: Dennis Jay Lyons, James A. Anderson, Dane Arlen Nickerson, David Bruce Castle, Metty Gean Fontano, and Jacqueline Marie Nickerson.

Carol Dalne is the new secretary of Primary. Gaylene Vincent was released with a vote to thanks.

Martinez Ward

8 New Officers For Auxiliaries

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Three new Primary teachers started work this month; Bertie McCanless will teach the Sunbeam class; Irene Odom, the Star class; and Lila Christensen, the Co-Pilots. Sustained November 18 were: Greta Cousins, Sunday School teacher; Mildred Pruitt, teacher topic leader, and Pat Puckett, chorister, for Relief Society; Vivian Eklund; YWMIA teacher; Charles Bloom, Era Director.

Michael Jennings was ordained a priest November 25: and Rov Howard and Charles Blum were ordained teachers, December 2.

On December 2, Ellen McCutcheon, Ethel Ellis and Marilyn Foulk were confirmed members. Michell Cooper was blessed by her father, Valjean Cooper.

Primary children sang carols, and their rhythm band played two numbers at the ward Christmas party December 18.

Gloria Ellis, second counselor in the Primary, is at home recovering from a throat infection.

Greetings From Finnish Saints, Missionaries

"Many greetings from all the Finnish Church members and missionaries," writes Elder Douglas Paulson on his Christmas card to the Messenger.

They observe Christmas differently in Finland he says and explains:

"Here in Finland, the land of Lapplanders and reindeer, the 'Joulu-Pukki,' whi is the same as aur Santa Claus, does not come during the night and fill up stockings as he does in America, but instead, he comes personally into every home on Christmas Eve, delivering gifts to all.

"He rides a tiny sleigh, drawn behind a reindeer or two, with several smaller sleighs full of gifts dragging along behind.

"Perhaps Santa Claus's reindeer have come to us from Finnish tradition Who knows."

Douglas says time flies for the busy, happy missionaries It's over a year since he left Berkeley for Finlandia.

Mrs. J. Winters Smith Buried In San Jose

Mrs. J. Winters Smith, wife of the patriarch of San Jose Stake, died early in December. The funeral services were held in the San Jose chapel, Friday, December 7.

The Winters were well known in the Bay Area when they were among the earlier LDS members in the Peninsula Branches and then in San Jose Stake.

Oakland Third Ward

Preston Jackson Dies In Oakland Buried In Ogden

Preston Jackson, husband of Nora Grace Taylor Jackson, passed away in Oakland December 20, 1956. He was born in Ogdon, Utah October 4, 1883. Funeral was held December 24 in Oakland Third Ward Chapel and interment took place in Ogden, Utah. Brother Jackson worked faithfully in the Church all his life. He filled many stake missions and was secretary of the Dimond High Priests. Three sons and one daughter out of his five living children he sent on missions. He was a very fine technician and worked for the United States Government as a machine instrument maker in Ogden and Oakland in the Forest Service, keeping all the fine precision instruments in repair. He is survived by his wife Grace, five children and fourteen grandchildren.

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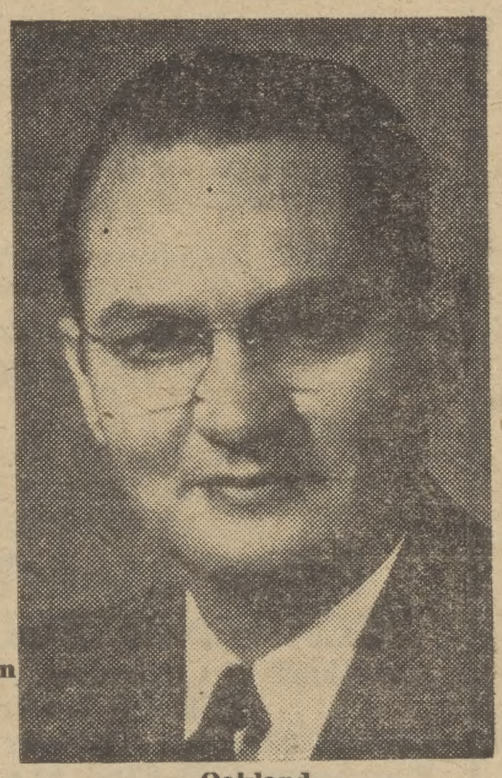

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